

REMARKS:

Claims 1-10 are currently being examined, of which claims 1 and 7 have been amended.

Claims 1-4 and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over USP 6,584,154 (**Wu**) in view of USP 6,072,496 (**Guenter**).

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over **Wu** in view of **Guenter** and USP 5,045,925 (**Saito**).

Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejections.

Wu, Guenter, and Saito, alone or in combination, fail to describe, teach, or suggest the following features set forth in claim 1, as amended: “switching of the rounding system corresponding to alternating between a first rounding process including adding a first value to or subtracting the first value from a numeral value and dividing result by a second value, and a second rounding process including adding a third value to or subtracting the third value from the numeral value and dividing result by the second value, the third value being equal to two times the first value”, in combination with the other claimed features.

Wu, Guenter, and Saito, alone or in combination, fail to describe, teach, or suggest the following features set forth in claim 7, as amended: “switching of the rounding system corresponding

to alternating between a first rounding process including adding a first value to or subtracting the first value from a numeral value and dividing result by a second value, and a second rounding process including adding a third value to or subtracting the third value from the numeral value and dividing result by the second value, the third value being equal to two times the first value”, in combination with the other claimed features.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections are improper and should be withdrawn because the Examiner has repeatedly relied on what would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, but the Examiner has not yet provided evidence of findings regarding what would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art. The Examiner has not provided evidence of findings regarding a level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections are improper and should be withdrawn because the Examiner has not yet made adequate specific factual findings with respect to any possible suggestion to combine and/or modify **Wu, Guenter, and Saito** to arrive at the claimed inventions.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections are improper and should be withdrawn because it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the pertinent art at the time the invention was made to combine and/or modify the teachings of **Wu, Guenter, and Saito** to arrive at the claimed inventions.

Thus, in view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the above rejections should be withdrawn.

The features set forth in claims 1 and 7, as amended, are supported by the disclosure as originally filed (see page 13, lines 5-22, for example).

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims currently being examined are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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